

Senate Bill 220

By: Senators Reed of the 35th, Tarver of the 22nd, Thompson of the 33rd, Harp of the 29th and Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military scholarships, so as to provide for scholarships for the children of persons killed or disabled as a result of combat wounds; to define certain terms; to provide for a scholarship equal to the tuition charges; to provide that the grant of such scholarships shall be contingent on funding; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military scholarships, is amended by adding three new Code sections to read as follows:

"20-3-495.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Approved school' means a school which is a unit of the University System of Georgia or a branch of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(2) 'Eligible student' means a person who:

(A) Is a child whose parent sustained qualified combat-related injuries;

(B) Meets residency requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Georgia as established pursuant to regulations of the authority and who remains a citizen of the state while receiving funds under this part; and

(C) Is 25 years of age or younger and is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an approved school.

(3) 'Parent' means the biological parent, adoptive parent, or legal guardian of an eligible student.

(4) 'Qualified combat-related injuries' means injuries sustained as a member of the United States armed forces in a location outside of the United States and its territories

26 designated by the United States Department of Defense as a combat zone after  
27 September 11, 2001, which results in death or a 50 percent disability.

28 20-3-496.

29 There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school a scholarship grant  
30 for a maximum of four award years in a sum equal to the total tuition charged to such  
31 student.

32 20-3-497.

33 Grant assistance to eligible students under this part shall be payable on a pro rata basis  
34 based upon whether the student is enrolled full time or part time and the number of  
35 semesters or quarters of enrollment. The payment of grants to eligible students under this  
36 part shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the  
37 purposes of this part in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.